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(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to compounds that are inhibitors of cysteine proteases, in particular, cathepsins B, K, L, F, and S and are therefore useful in treating diseases mediated by these proteases. The present invention is also directed to pharmaceutical compositions comprising these compounds and processes for preparing them. The present invention is also directed to the use of these inhibitors in combination with a therapy that causes a deleterious immune response in patients receiving the therapy.